

Minutes (Final)

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

February 13, 2019

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Jim Baum, Harris McKee, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Bill Collishaw, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Red Facher, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Frank Stephens (present), Vince Wilson (present)

Don O'Neill, Class President, called the meeting to order at noon EST.

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes, as amended, for the '61 class officers conference call/meeting of January 9, 2019, which amended Minutes were approved unanimously as written and presented.

Don then discussed the ongoing desire (and eventually need) for increasing class communication and improving class leadership from an increasing number of classmates from a shrinking class. Also, he wanted the class officers to think about building our class participation in Dartmouth 250th Anniversary efforts and to begin building toward our 60th Reunion in slightly less than 2.5 years. For the remainder of the current fiscal year ending in June, Don stated that a primary focus should be to maximize our class DCF efforts and our class BTS efforts.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, prepared and submitted to Don a memo about the criteria to be utilized in selecting and recommending one or more '61 classmates as nominees for

election by the Class President's Association to represent the post-55th reunion group of classes (Classes of 1944 through 1964) in the Alumni Council for a 3-year term, beginning July 1, 2019.

Vic also has begun communications with the Hood Museum about the prospect of the Class of '61 making a class gift to the newly renovated Hood Museum, which gift would coincide with our Class' 60th Reunion in June 2021 and the College's 250th anniversary celebration, as follows: 1) a photo of the Robert Frost statue located on the Dartmouth campus by Ron Wybranowski (classmate and professional photographer) and autographed by George Lundeen, the world-renowned sculptor of the statue, and 2) a numbered limited edition of a smaller replica version of the Robert Frost statue on Dartmouth's campus, signed by George Lundeen, sculptor of both the life size version of the Robert Frost statue as well as the smaller limited edition replica. Vic has also been in contact with George Lundeen's studio about obtaining one of the smaller limited edition versions of the Robert Frost statues at a reasonable discount from the retail price. Our class objective would be for the Hood Museum (or the Hop Center) to display both the miniature Frost statue and the autographed photograph of the statue for a minimum period from the date of donation through the Class' 60th Reunion in June of 2021.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, Class Treasurer, reported that through February 10th the Class had collected \$28,115 in class dues (\$17,374) and other cash donations from classmates (primarily for various class projects) and some interest earned. Jim then stated that the final dues notice for the 2018/2019 fiscal year had just been mailed out. Also, in response to a question, Jim stated that the up-to-date dues participation percentage for the Class of '61 was not available at this time, but that he would prepare this calculation shortly (with a back-up list of class dues payers) and send out a current financial report to the class in the near future. Finally, Jim stated that the current cash balance in the Class' account was \$40,785.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Hank Eberhardt, co-chair of our Class' DCF efforts, presented the results of the monthly class agents leadership conference call with Vince Wilson and the monthly written report prepared and submitted by Harris McKee, another Class DCF co-chair. In his

report, Harris also submitted detailed instructions on how to utilize the new Dartmouth DCF class agent *EverTrue* recording and reporting system.

Hank reported that as of February 11th, the Class had received actual donations and pledges amounting to approximately \$125k (55.6% of Class' goal of \$225k) from 130 donors (15 behind last year at this time), amounting to a participation rate of 27% (versus our Class goal of 75%). Henry and Harris also encouraged all class officers/class agents to make their respective calls and other contacts to classmates. Leadership giving co-chairs (Gerry and Denny) were continuing their leadership giving phase of classmate contact. Participation co-chairs (Harris, Henry, Roger, et al) are to step up their pace.

DCF goal planning for Class' 60th Reunion to begin next week with a conference call among current '61 class DCF agent/leaders.

Off-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (London, England – May 2019)

Frank Stephens, chair of the Class' off-campus mini-reunion in London from May 15-18, 2019, reported that the attendee list currently stood at 24 classmates, spouses/significant others and widows. The Normandy side trip pre- or post- mini-reunion was still viable; a basic itinerary were being drawn up by Dave and Joan Prewitt, although they had just found out that they would not be able to attend. Other side trips post-mini were being considered by classmates, including but not limited to a river cruise from Amsterdam, Netherlands to Basel, Switzerland and direct multi-day trips to Amsterdam, Netherlands and Copenhagen, Denmark. Finally, Frank stated that he had recently written a letter to the current Earl of Dartmouth, inviting him to join the Class of '61 attendees at one of their mini-reunion functions. Finally, Frank advised attendees and potential attendees to send in their approximate 50% deposits and make their hotel reservations sooner rather than later.

Off-Campus Mini-Reunion (Hanover, NH – October 2019)

Maynard Wheeler, chair of the Class' on-campus mini-reunions, was not present but his submitted report indicated that there was nothing new to report at this time regarding the next upcoming mini-reunion scheduled to coincide with Homecoming October 11-12, 2019.

D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the '61 Class Constitution update was not present but reported that revised drafts of the constitutional amendments will be circulated shortly.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that since the January class officers conference call, he had sent out five all-class emails, two DCF class agent, fifteen website updates, and updated a PayPal connection from Ivar's '61 CT bank account to Jim's '61 Ledyard National Bank account in NH.

Harris reminded everyone that this year's '61 Virtual Reunion is scheduled for March 2nd and that the Class' virtual reunion poster can be found on the Class' website.

Class Memorialist Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that information on the passing of classmate Jay Torok and classmate (Dennis Dinan) spouse Sally Dinan have been posted on the Class website. Appropriate condolence communications on behalf of the Class were sent to the Jay Torok's widow and to classmate Denny Dinan.

Newsletter Editor Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was not able to attend the conference call, but Harris reported that the next issue of the class newsletter was in process of being prepared.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, co-chair of the Class BTS efforts along with Red Facher, reported that an analysis of the top 50 contributors from the Class to DCF showed that 26 members have not yet joined the BTS. These classmates have recently all been contacted by either email or regular mail; follow-up contact will now be initiated during the next few weeks. In addition, a conference call of BTS concerned classmates is scheduled for next week.

'61 Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Patti Rich and Nyla Arslanian, co-chairs of WIC, reported that recent widows of deceased classmates have been contacted and that four widows have recently contributed to this fiscal year's '61 DCF effort for a total of \$1,850. Patti has contacted several interested '61 widows about attending the London mini-reunion in May; to date, one widow has signed on to attend. Patti was asked to work with Vince Wilson, who is working on developing a program to engage widows (and presumably widowers) from all of the older classes.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project Report

Pete Bleyler, chair of this class project, was unable to attend the conference call, However, Don reported that donations, including pledges in writing, now totaled \$41,280 and that verbal pledges to date totaled \$6,789, for a total commitment of \$48,069 versus the \$50,000 required from classmates; the other \$50,000 required was to fund the total of \$100,000 for the project was paid in from excess class funds accumulated within our class treasury. The remaining amount of \$1,931 still due for contribution/commitment is expected to be completed well prior to June 30, 2019, the projected Class target date for contributions/written pledges to be completed.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the committee, was unable to attend the conference call but wrote that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Committee Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class and classmate Dartmouth-related achievements since 1961, did not get a chance to present his report due to time constraints; it was deferred until the next '61 class officers conference call in March.

New Business

- '61 Virtual Reunion scheduled for March 2, 2019; '61 Virtual Reunion poster available on-line; email photos to Harris McKee.
- Football game between Dartmouth and Princeton at Yankee Stadium in New York City scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2019. Denny has reserved a limited select block of seats for the Class of '61. Those interested in attending and sitting with classmates should call the Dartmouth Athletic Office for tickets.
- Don was informed by the Office of Alumni Affairs that a seat was opening on the Alumni Council for a class representative (1 of 3) to represent the older group of classes (post-55th reunion classes) for a term of three years. After some discussion, Vic Rich was nominated and approved unanimously as the sole nominee from the Class of '61. Don will submit his name and the final selection from among the numerous nominees presented will be made by all of the 20 class presidents from the classes of 1944-1964 during the latter part of March. The nominee selected will begin his three year term on July 1, 2019.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM EST.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at noon EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary